

Washington – The Commerce, Justice, Science section of the FY2008 federal budget approved by Congress yesterday includes \$611,000 for the Milwaukee area.

“This money will go to a variety of initiatives that will reduce crime from all angles,” Congresswoman Moore said. “Equipment for a police department, a needed teen after-school program, and a proven public-police collaborative program will all help make our streets a safer place.”

The Commerce, Justice, Science Appropriations section of the federal budget included the following projects requested by Rep. Moore:

\$329,000 for the Local Initiatives Support Corporation's (LISC) Community Safety Initiative (CSI), a public/private venture that builds formal partnerships between police and community developers in challenged neighborhoods.

\$141,000 for the Running Rebels Youth After-School Program.

\$141,000 to go to the Cudahy Police Department to add three surveillance cameras in Cudahy.

The LISC's Community Safety Initiative is a nationwide program that would be implemented in Milwaukee to build partnerships between police and community developers to encourage community safety practices. The purpose is to consult with entrepreneurs and housing experts on the best ways to tackle problem spots in neighborhoods. The result would be less crime, new assets, as well as more homeowners and investors that create economic opportunities for what would become a healthier neighborhood. The CSI program would receive \$329,000.

Moore also secured \$141,000 for the Running Rebels Youth After-School Program, which would target at-risk, inner-city youth ages 16-18 who face negative influences after school each day, such as delinquency, gangs, substance abuse or pressure to engage in unprotected sex.

Providing crucial educational opportunities for at-risk teenagers while keeping them in a safe environment after-school, the program would offer life skills training, job retention skills, financial literacy, health and wellness education, academic tutoring and job training.

Another \$141,000 would provide three cameras and recording systems to be mounted on existing poles in Cudahy to serve as a deterrent to crime, vandalism and terrorism. The evidence obtained from the cameras would be admissible in court.

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